

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this Amendment, claims 2, 5-6, 15, 17-25, 35-40, 46-47, 57-68, 76-79, 81, 84-85, 87 canceled, claims 1, 10, 16, 88, 89, 93-95 are amended. Claims 1, 3-4, 7-14, 16, 26-34, 41-45, 48-56, 69-73, 75, 80, 82-83, 86, 88-101 are pending.

Support for the amendments to the claims can be found throughout the Specification as filed, and specifically: support for the amendment to claims 1 and 88 for a diagnostic or therapeutic moiety covalently conjugated to at least one targeting moiety that selectively binds to a cell surface receptor can be found in ¶[0047]; support for the limitation in claims 1 and 88 for a spacer moiety of from about 10Å to about 30Å can be found in ¶[0155]; support for the amendment to claim 16 for the limitation Fe(III), Eu(III), can be found in ¶[0065];

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks submitted October 2, 2008.

In the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment, it states that the response filed on 10/02/2008 was not fully responsive because claims 3 and 82 had incorrect status identifiers. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121, Applicant submits a corrected set of claims. According to the Notice, only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment is required. Applicant believes this is a full and complete response to the Notice.

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For at least the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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